

## NEWS RELEASE

## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

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## TEXAS WOMAN SENTENCED FOR DISTRIBUTING COCAINE IN FULTON, MO.

**JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Texas woman was sentenced today for distributing cocaine in Fulton, Mo.

**Natalie Janette Vaughn**, 45, of Gatesville, Texas, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this afternoon to 12 years and seven months in federal prison without parole.

On Sept. 9, 2002, **Vaughn** pleaded guilty to an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on March 22, 2002. By pleading guilty, Graves said, **Vaughn** admitted to selling 39.51 grams of cocaine for \$1,500 in Fulton, Mo., on Oct. 29, 2001.

A co-defendant in that case has already been sentenced, Graves said, and another co-defendant has pleaded guilty and awaits sentencing.

On Jan. 21, 2003, **David Tybalt Woodruff**, 28, of Jefferson City, was sentenced to six months of in-home confinement and three years of supervised release to include substance abuse counseling. On Oct. 4, 2002, **Woodruff** pleaded guilty to distributing cocaine in Jefferson City on Dec. 17, 2001. By pleading guilty, Graves said, **Woodruff** admitted to selling 25 grams of cocaine for \$980.

On Oct. 4, 2002, **Jerrold Leon Faulkner**, 32, of Jefferson City, Mo., pleaded guilty to distributing cocaine in Jefferson City on April 9, 1999 and to distributing cocaine in Fulton, Mo., on Oct. 29, 2001. **Faulkner** also agreed to the forfeiture of a 1992 Chevrolet Blazer, which was used in the commission of those offenses. By pleading guilty, Graves said, **Faulkner** admitted to selling 9.45 grams of cocaine for \$450 on April 9, 1999, and to selling 39.51 grams of cocaine for \$1,500 on Oct. 29, 2001.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jim Lynn. The case was investigated by MUSTANG (Mid-Missouri Unified Strike Team and Narcotics Group).

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